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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

KENNETH COUTURE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

AMERICAN OVERSEAS MARINE
CORPORATION and GENERAL
DYNAMIC CORPORATION,

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. CV05-0024

**DEFENDANTS' REQUEST FOR
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE;
DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

Presently before the Court is Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment, set for hearing on March 15, 2007. Defendants hereby request a settlement conference prior to the hearing and in particular request the Court to set the settlement conference for March 14, 2007.

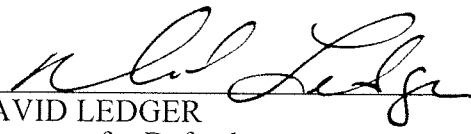
Defendants request that the Court require Plaintiff Kenneth Couture to attend the settlement conference.¹ Defendants' representative(s) with full settlement authority will be available by telephone. Defendants' representative(s) are located on the U.S. East Coast and

¹ Though Plaintiff is currently at sea on the vessel USNS 1st Lt. JACK LUMMUS, Defendants' information is that the vessel is due to return to Saipan on or about February 23, 2007.

1 given the time zone difference between Saipan and their location accordingly request the Court
2 to commence the settlement conference in the morning of March 14, 2007.

3 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED AND DATED: February 20, 2007.

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby declares that on the 20th day of February 2007, I will cause to be served, via electronic filing/service, a true and correct copy of **DEFENDANTS REQUEST FOR SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE; DECLARATION OF SERVICE** upon the following Counsels of record:

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